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- 25X1 1. When the Karow (N 53/Z 96) - Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) line of the northern section of the Berlin Outer Freight Ring was opened on 6 May 1950, the Director of the Construction Department of the German Railroads announced that work would soon begin on the Grossbeeren (N 53/Z 73) - Mahlow (N 53/Z 83) - Schoenefeld (N 53/Z 93) line of the southern Berlin Outer Freight Ring *.
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Comment. The single-track line will eliminate the Lichtenrade (A 53/4 83) railroad station and make Soviet Zone railroad operations south of Berlin completely immune to possible counter-measures by the Western Occupation Powers. Preparations for the project have been underway for a long time and surveying work is completed. Work on the project was started in the summer of 1949 with the help of FDJ members, but lack of materials forced suspension of work. The embankment used for the Grossboeren-Mahlow section was built in 1909 and must be reconditioned. During the FDJ Whitsun Rally in Berlin considerable difficulties created by the elimination of the Lichtenrade

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necessary to reroute railway traffic over long
by-passes.



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